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SUBJECT: FRENCH ATTITUDES TOWARD THE MTN

1. FRENCH PERFORMANCE PRIOR TO AND DURING TNC ON US-EC

AGRICULTURE DISPUTE WAS GENERALLY UNHELPFUL AND OBSTRUCTION-

IST. ALTHOUGH WE FULLY COGNIZANT OF DEPTH OF FRENCH

INSISTANCE ON NON-NEGOTIABILITY OF CAP PRINCIPLES, WE

WONDER IF APPARENT FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO PUSH ITS HARDLINE

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POSITION ON AGRICULTURE IN MTN TO ITS LIMITS PORTENDS

FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN THEIR STRATEGY TOWARD AGRICULTURE IN
THE MTN OR TOWARD THE MTN GENERALLY.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF
FRENCH ATTITUDES TOWARD THE MTN, THEIR STRATEGY, AND THE
MOTIVATIONS BEHIND THEM. PARTICULARLY, HOW DO FRENCH
AT A POLICY LEVEL SQUARE THEIR PERFORMANCE AT THE TNC
WITH THEIR AGREEMENT AT RAMBOUILLET TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL
PROGRESS IN THE MTN? WE HAVE ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
FRENCH OBJECTIVES IN THE MTN WERE MORE LIMITED AND LESS
AMBITIOUS THAN OURS AND PROBABLY THOSE OF ITS EC
PARTNERS. AT ONE POINT THEY WISHED TO CONCLUDE THE MTN
ON A LIMITED BASIS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE THE
IMPRESSION THAT THEY NOW LOOK TOWARD A LONGER MTN WITH
RELATIVELY SLOW PROGRESS TOWARD LIMITED OBJECTIVES AS A
MEANS TO ENHANCE ITS ROLE AS A DETERRENT TO PROTECTION-
IST PRESSURES.

3. IN ADDITION IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OUR EFFORTS
EVALUATE FRENCH MTN POSITION IF EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE
FULL TEXTS OF COMMENTS BY SENIOR FRENCH OFFICIALS
ON THE MTN OR RELATED MATTERS. KISSINGER

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